

NEWS & PROJECT UPDATE

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Changes to Northeast Washington Road Information Telephone Service coming on Monday

To assist motorists during winter weather driving, the Washington State Department of Transportation/Eastern Region offers a telephone road report. This report covers conditions on major state highway sections in the seven-county, northeast Washington area. This seasonal service has been offered for the past 8 winters.

Beginning on Monday, January 6th, this service will be split into two separate reports.

To reach the report for Northeast Washington dial **1-800-695 ROAD**, then touch **extension 5-1** for Northeast Washington, **then press 1 or 2**, depending on the highway report you need. (Note: This is the change. The old extension was 5-1-1).

Information for Interstate 90 (in Adams, Lincoln and Spokane Counties) plus US 395 (from Connell to Ritzville and Spokane to Colville) can then be reached by touching 1.

Information for US 2 (Almira to Spokane and Spokane to Newport), US 195 (Spokane to the Idaho border (near Lewiston), and State Route 26 (Colfax to US 395) can be reached by touching 2.

Callers can also return to the main menu, listen to various options, then select mountain pass reports or information on other highway sections throughout the state

WSDOT Construction Activity & Possible Delays/January 2-12, 2003

<u>HIGH IMPACT!! SR 290-Trent Avenue/Spokane River Bridge (MP 0.4-0.6)</u>- Work continues on this bridge replacement project between downtown and Hamilton Street. Trent Ave. is closed to through traffic between Riverpoint Blvd. and Cincinnati Street. Detours are fully signed. Access to all businesses on Trent is available. This is a long-term closure.